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# RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

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**Dear parents/carers,**

Welcome to another edition of our weekly newsletter, where we celebrate the incredible achievements and adventures of our reception classes. This week has been filled with excitement and exploration, highlighted by our unforgettable trip to The Golden Hinde in London Bridge.

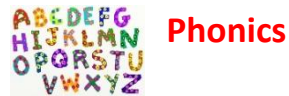
**Excursion to The Golden Hinde:**

Our brave adventurers set sail on a journey to The Golden Hinde, where they embarked on an unforgettable voyage into the world of pirates and high-seas adventures. I'm incredibly proud of both classes for their outstanding behaviour and the respectful manner in which they engaged with the crew and historical artefacts aboard The Golden Hinde. Their enthusiasm and curiosity transformed them into fearless pirates, exploring every nook and cranny of the legendary ship.



## Religious Education

**In Religious Education**, we concluded our topic with a reflective liturgy focused on the Good News from Jesus and the significance of the Pentecost. Guided by their compassion and understanding, our students engaged in meaningful discussions about spreading love and kindness, echoing the teachings of Jesus.



## Phonics

**In the world of phonics**, our budding wordsmiths continued their journey of language development with a focus on expanding their vocabulary and refining their blending and segmenting skills with phase 2 and phase 3 words. Through a variety of interactive activities and engaging exercises, they delved deeper into the world of sounds and letters, strengthening their phonemic awareness and decoding abilities.

### Home Learning Task:

Encourage your child to explore the world of sounds and letters at home through fun and interactive phonics games. You can create simple activities such as matching rhyming words, sorting words by their initial sounds, or playing "I Spy" with objects that have the same beginning sound. Additionally, you can access online phonics resources and apps that provide interactive phonics games tailored to your child's learning level.

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## Literacy: Communication and Language

**In Literacy**, our young adventurers channelled their newfound pirate spirit into their literacy activities. They imagined the essential items needed for a successful pirate adventure and crafted imaginative lists to guide them on their quests. As a follow-up to our trip, they reflected on their favourite moments from The Golden Hinde, capturing their adventures in vivid sentences that transported us back to the deck of the legendary ship.

**Home Learning Task:** Encourage your child to continue their pirate-themed adventures at home by creating a story or drawing inspired by their trip to The Golden Hinde. They can use their imagination to recount their favourite moments or invent new adventures on the high seas.



## Maths

**In Maths**, our little mathematicians embraced the challenge of adding more. Through hands-on activities using manipulatives, they explored the concept of addition, pushing the boundaries by adding more than one. Their creative approach to problem-solving and mathematical reasoning was truly inspiring.

**Home Learning Task:** Invite your child to practice their addition skills at home by playing simple games that involve adding more than one item. Whether it's counting toys or adding ingredients in the kitchen, this activity reinforces their understanding of addition in a fun and interactive way.

Warm regards,

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